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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NASSAU 1427

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SUBJ: LOS-MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY'S COMMENTS

DURING COURSE OF HEAVNER'S COURTESY CALL ON MINEXTAFF  
ADDERLEY ON SEPTEMBER 3, LATTER AMPLIFIED HIS THINKING ON  
BAHAMIAN PLANS FOR UNILATERAL ACTION ON LOS RELATED MATTERS.  
REITERATING HIS PESSIMISM REGARDING CONFERENCE'S OUTCOME,  
ADDERLEY ONCE AGAIN STATED THAT SOMETIME THIS WINTER  
BAHAMAS WOULD UNILATERALLY DELCAR ARCHIPELAGO TO BE  
BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATER. HE CAVALIERLY DISMISSED  
POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH CUBANS STEMMING FROM SUCH ACTION  
AND APPEARED TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THERE WOULD BE  
U.S. ACQUIESCENCE. WITH REGARD TO CUBA, ADDERLEY STATED  
THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY SOVIETS THAT SO LONG AS  
BAHAMIAN ALLOWED FREE PASSAGE THROUGH THE BAHAMIAN STRAITS,  
SOVIETS WOULD NOT SUPPORT CUBAN FISHING DEMANDS. BASED  
ON THIS GUARANTEE HE FORESAW NO PROBLEMS WITH CUBANS.  
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BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. WOULD BE NECESSARY

TO DEMARCATE RESPECTIVE CLAIMS AND TO RESOLVE OTHER PROBLEMS.  
COMMENT: WHILE ADDERLEY'S INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR ENOUGH, IT  
SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAS NOT THOUGHT THROUGH THEIR IMPLI-  
MENTATION NOR THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTIONS FROM BAHAMAS  
NEIGHBORING STATES. FACT THAT CUBAN FISHING BOATS IN BAHAMIAN  
WATERS HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF DAILY PRESS HEADLINES IN  
NASSAU FOR PAST WEEK BELIES ADDERLEY'S SEEMING CONFIDENCE  
THAT CUBANS WOULD MEEKLY ACCEPT BAHAMIAN CLAIMS. IN  
ADDITION, HE SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT U.S. PRIVATE  
SUPPORT FOR BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO GIVEN IN JANUARY 1975 IS  
CONTINGENT ON THE RATIFICATION OF A SUCCESSFUL OVERALL  
TREATY. LIKEWISE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT ANY SOVIET GUARANTEES  
OF SUPPORT WERE ALSO DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION  
OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS. WHATEVER THIER PROBLEMS WITH THE  
CUBANS. EMBASSY URGES THAT DEPARTMENT BEGIN ASSESSING  
WHAT OUR REACTION SHOULD BE WHEN BAHAMAS OFFICIALLY  
ANNOUNCES ITS CLAIM. THE IMPLICATION OF UNILATERAL BAHAMIAN  
ACTION IN THIS CONTEXT ON THE FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS  
WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A SEPTEL.  
TAYLOR. UNQUOTE KISSINGER.

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